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SUBJECT: CSCE: CURRENT QUAI COMMENTS

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1. SUMMARY: THE QUAI'S NEW CSCE COORDINATOR BEAUCHATAUD TELLS US THAT AFTER A CERTAIN HIATUS QUAI IS AGAIN SLOWLY FEELING ITS WAY FORWARD ON CSCE MATTERS. END SUMMARY.

2. QUAI, BEAUCHATAUD TELLS US HAS NOW ABSORBED ITS LESSONS FROM SOVIETS' ACTION TO CSCE IN MONTHS FOLLOWING HELSINKI, AND PARTICULARLY DURING GISCARD'S MOSCOW VISIT. INTERNAL JURISDICTIONAL QUESTION HAS ALSO BEEN SETTLED WITH BEAUCHATAUD'S APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER
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ANDREANI'S OFFICE OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS. THIS WILL NOT

ONLY ASSURE COORDINATING AUTHORITY AT ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S LEVEL BUT ENABLE BEAUCHATAUD TO BENEFIT FROM ANDREANI'S LONG CSCE EXPERIENCE A ZR #
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ENERGETIC APPROACH TO EAST-WEST MATTERS.

3. AS A RESULT, CSCE WORK IS GRADUALLY RESUMING. QUAI IS FOR INSTANCE RENEWING ITS INTERNAL CSCE DIALOGUE, I.E., WITH ITS WARSAW PACT MISSIONS, ALTHOUGH " NOT AS INTENSIVELY AS THE US AND OTHERS IN THE WEST." PRIORITIES CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON TIDYING UP QUESTION OF MULTIPLE VISAS FOR JOURNALISTS; ON ARRANGING FOR MORE EXTENSIVE DISTRIBUTION OF FRENCH NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS ESPECIALLY IN THE USSR; AND ON IMPROVING THE WORKING CONDITIONS FOR BUSINESSMEN. AFTER CHIRA.C'S EXPERIENCE IN MOSCOW LAST SUMMER, IDEA OF FRENCH READING ROOM IN THE SOVIET CAPITAL REMAINS IN THE FREEZER.

RGDAS REGARDS DISTRIBUTION OF FRENCH PUBLICATIONS, BEAUCHATAUD SAYS SOVIETS APPEAR AMENABLE IN PRINCIPLE BUT ARGUE THAT FOREIGN EXCHANGE MUST BE GENERATED BY COMPARABLE FRENCH IMPORTS OF SOVIET PUBLICATIONS. WHILE THIS SEEMS FAIR, THE HOOK IS THAT FRENCH OUTPUT IS OF COURSE MORE EXPENSIVE. AS RESULT FRENCH WOULD HAVE TO IMPORT 5-10 TIMES AS MANY PUBLICATIONS AS THEY IMPORT. SINCE THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE BEAUCHATAUD IS CURRENTLY EXPLORING VARIETY OF ALTERNATIVES, BUT HAS NOT SOLVED PROBLEM SO FAR.

5. IN ADDITION TO RANGE OF HUMANITARIAN ISSUES, BEAUCHATAUD THINKS QUAI'S EMPHASIS IN LONGER RUN WILL ALSO BE ON IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR FRENCH BUSINESSMEN, AN AREA IN WHICH FRENCH DO HAVE SOME LEVERAGE AND WHICH COULD CONTRIBUTE TO STIMULATING IMPLEMENTATION OF OTHER ASPECTS OF THE FINAL ACT.

6. AS REGARDS THE BELGRADE REVIEW CONFERENCE BEAUCHATAUD SAYS THAT QUAI CONSIDERS IT "MUCH TOO EARLY" TO BEGIN ANY SERIOUS PREPARATORY WORK. HIS OWN BEST GUESS IS THAT QUAI WILL BEGIN TO TACKLE TH
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